To W. Cobbold. Holy Wells.

Sowerby

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Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of sending you a few crayfish, & wish they may succeed in stocking your streams; perhaps a small place or two may be formed, near where the water flows along, so as to guard them from rats 'till they become used to the place, when a passage may be made to allow them to spread where you please. There are many females; if more are desired I will immediately procure them: they were all apparently healthy and nimble when sent, as directed by the salesman. My best respects to Mrs Cobbold & those who know me. I called on Mr. Kirby & told him the person to whom he related the attack of the ants &c was one of your accomplished sons.

I am Sir, Yours most respectfully

Jas. Sowerby

27 Aug: 1817.
2 Mead Place
Lambeth

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March 19/66, to W. White Cooper (ophthalmic surgeon), 2 pp. 8vo., £2. 2*s*

'I am exceedingly obliged to you for the offer of the Calabar Bean, of which however we have had pl for some years. . . I heard not long ago, of an immense pile of them being found near Liverpool, cast of some ships hold.'

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